Ray's Lawyer Contradicted By Witness in King Case

MEMPHIS, May 4 (AP)—A witness expected to be questioned by investigators of the United States House of Representatives here next week has contradicted an assertion made by an attorney for James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Willie Green, the witness, was named by Jack Kershaw, a Nashville lawyer, as a man who could place Mr. Ray at a Memphis service station at the time Dr. King was shot in a motel a few blocks away.

Mr. Green, informed of the statement, said that he had seen a man fitting Mr. Ray's description walk past the service station only after the assassination.

Mr. Kershaw identified Mr. Green as the witness yesterday after investigators of the House Assassinations Committee interviewed Mr. Ray for the fifth time. He also said House investigators would travel to Memphis next week to question Mr. Green and others. NYT 5/5/77